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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SWEDISH PARLIAMENTARIANS TO PHNOM PENH JANUARY 9

REF: STATE 193001; 263970; PARIS 21348

1. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON IMPLICATIONS OF AN INVITATION RECENTLY EXTENDED BY CERTAIN CAMBODIANS IN THE NAME OF THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT TO A GROUP OF SWEDISH PARLIAMENTARIANS TO VISIT PHNOM PENH IN EARLY JANUARY, AS DESCRIBED BELOW.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY CONSERVATIVE PARTY DEPUTY BO SIEGBAHL THAT HE HAS ACCEPTED, WITH MISGIVINGS, THE INVITATION EXTENDED HIM BY A CAMBODIAN "ROVING AMBASSADOR" AND AIR CAMBODIA OFFICIAL, UNG KRAPUMPHKAR, TO RECRUIT A GROUP OF PARLIAMENTARIANS TO VIST CAMBODIA BEGINNING JANUARY 9. SIEGBAHL HAS PUT TOGETHER A TEAM OF DEPUTIES FROM FOUR MAJOR PARTIES PLUS VETERAN JOURNALIST TORD WICKHOM. UNLESS THERE ARE LAST MINUTE CHANGES OR DEFLECTIONS, GROUP WILL INCLUDE, SURPRISINGLY, GOVERNING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY REPRESENTATIVE (STURE ERICSON) AND A LIBERAL PARTY DEPUTY, PLUS CHRISTINA ROGESTAM FOR THE CENTER PARTY.

3. UNG KRAPUMPHKAR HAS BEEN SPONSORED IN STOCKHOLM BY DR. FRANCOIS HSIEH, IN HIS CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR OF SO-CALLED CENTER CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, WHICH HSIEH HAS

ESTABLISHED IN STOCKHOLM. ALTHOUGH HSIEH HAS MANAGED TO
ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH REPUTABLE SWEDES, HIS OWN REPUTATION IS
DUBIOUS.

4. KRAPUMPHKAR HAS SOMEWHAT UNSETTELED SIEGBAHL BY SAYING THAT
IF THE EFFORT TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE KHMER ROUGE CAN BE
HELPED BY DISPOSING OF PRESIDENT LON NOL, HE AND HIS FELLOW
INTELLECTUALS ARE READY TO DO SO.

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